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SUBJ: PRIME MINISTER GIVES REASONS BEHIND RECENT CABINET CHANGES

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SUMMARY: PRIME MINISTER TOLD AMBASSADOR RECENT SENEGALESE CABINET CHANGES WERE MOTIVATED BY PRESIDENT SENGHOR'S DESIRE, WHICH HE SHARED, TO REWARD OUTSTANDING PERFORMERS AND TO STRENGTHEN CERTAIN DEPARTMENTS. END SUMMARY.

1. DURING MEETING APRIL 3, PRIME MINISTER ABDOU DIOUF TOLD AMBASSADOR AGGREY THAT FRENCH-BORN JEAN COLLIN, WHO OPTED FOR SENEGALESE CITIZENSHIP YEARS AGO AND HAD RENDERED ARDUOUS, DEDICATED AND EFFECTIVE SERVICE SUCCESSIVELY AS MINISTER OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF INTERIOR, WAS PROMOTED TO MINISTER OF STATE AS REWARD FOR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE. BABACAR BA WAS ALSO MADE SUPER-MINISTER IN REWARD FOR HIS ENERGETIC AND SUCCESSFUL WORK IN FINANCE AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, PARTICULARLY IN INTERNATIONAL COUNCILS. PM SAID MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION, DOUDOU N'GOM'S PROMOTION WAS IN FACT "HOMAGE" TO SENEGALESE ORGANIZED LABOR

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WHICH UNDER N'GOM'S LEADERSHIP HAD CHOSEN ROUTE OF COOPERATION

RATHER THAN CONFRONTATION.

2. ACCORDING TO PM, BOTH FORMER MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS, DIARAF DIOUF, AND FORMER MINISTER OF HEALTH, COUMBA N'DOFFENE DIOUF WERE FIRED BECAUSE OF POOR ADMINISTRATION OF THEIR DEPARTMENTS. PM DESCRIBED FORMER AS HONEST MAN WHO, AS ENGINEER, WAS TOO PREOCCUPIED WITH TECHNICAL DETAILS OF HIS MINISTRY AND NOT ADEPT AS MANAGER. HE DESCRIBED N'DOFFENE AS INEFFECTIVE. NEW PUBLIC WORKS MINISTER MAMADOU DIOP, HAD PROVEN ADMINISTRATIVE ABILITY WITH ARMY, WITH THE COURTS, AND AS SEC GEN OF GOVERNMENT. NEW HEALTH MINISTER HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO FORGET HE IS DOCTOR IN RUNNING HIS DEPARTMENT.

4. PROMOTION OF JOSEPH MATHIAM FROM SECRETARY OF STATE TO MINISTER OF YOUTH AND SPORTS WAS MADE TO ENHANCE IMPORTANCE OF THAT DEPARTMENT. ADVANCEMENT OF BEN MADY CISSE FROM DELEGATE GENERAL TO SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES WAS RECOGNITION OF HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS SO FAR AND ATTACHING HIM TO MINISTRY OF NATIONAL EDUCATION WAS TO ENABLE HIM TO STRENGTHEN SENEGAL'S PROGRAMS FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AT POST-PRIMARY LEVEL AND THROUGH EXTENSION.

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